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WHEN the Paths of Slavery are first trod, every Flint draws Blood from the tender Foot; but Perseverance renders it callous and insensible, and the confirm'd Slave even loves *the Path when worn*. A noble *Roman* takes Notice * *that the Interruptions of Liberty are more exquisitely felt by a free People than its Loss*. Sensibility is the Mark of *Freedom*; and the Sensibility of the People of *England*, under the late *H———n* Violations of their National Honour, is an Evidence that we YET are free. But alas! when crying and complaining are all the Resources left us for Relief, our Voice may grow so hoarse as not to be heard, our Forces may sink so, as that we may be glad to seek Relief in Repose; till we are seiz'd with a Lethargy which may shut our Ears to the Calls of our distress'd Country, without heeding the *Voice of the Charmer, charm she ever so sweetly*.

If our Cries hitherto have not been loud enough to pierce the Croud of *Persians* that environ our *Alexander*, let every *British* Voice join the Chorus of Distress: If we have not yet been able to strip our M———r of his *Persian* Robe, let every *English* Heart conspire to make him wear it with Infamy; and as the *Centaur*'s Shirt did to *Hercules*, let it consume his Rest and Peace; till he expire upon the fatal Pile of his own Rearing.——— *England* or *H———r* is the Question, the Dispute is *pro Aris & focis*,——Let no *Briton* think himself of too small Importance to lend a helping, nay a *saving* Hand.———The meanest Reptile amongst us ought to act as if his exerting or not exerting himself, were to be decisive of *Liberty* or *Dependence*.———For my own Part, as a public Writer, I approve and adopt one of the noblest Sentiments of all Antiquity;† the Words of *Crassus* to *Philip* the Consul to a *Roman* Senate.

*Me meis Pignoribus existimas posse terreri? Non tibi illa sunt cædenda; Si* CRASSUM *vis coercere; hæc tibi est excidenda Lingua; qua vel evulsa, spiritu ipso Libidenem tuam Libertas mea refutabit.*

The Hand that undertook the Rudder has at last apply'd the Lash of *H———*. The *B——* Lyon wears, as a Brand, in his Forehead the Mark of the Horse's Hoof: *Injuries* were aggravated by *Insults*; nor was a *Victory* over our *Interests* thought sufficient without a *Triumph* over our *Honour*. The Reports we had of ——*n* Insolence, tho' not false, were but lame Fore-runners of the Certainty we have since come to.

But who are the Evidences for this Certainty? The truest, the best, the only Evidences; brave *B——* Soldiers, whose Indignation may be YET read in their Looks, and glows upon their Cheeks; who speak of what they themselves experienc'd; who speak, tho' threaten'd by the Scourge of a *H——n* Minister. Is not the Defence which he made to the Charge a deeper and more permament Mark of Insolence than even the Wrong that was committed? *Neither* **** *nor he knew any thing of the Matter*. How should they? The former *could not*, because environ'd by *G-rm-ns*; the other *would not*, because he had a *G-rm-n* Heart. Had not *H——ism* fear'd his Soul, could he have been deaf to those Complaints of the *B——* Soldiers, which *yet* tingle in the Ears of every Officer who has return'd from *G———*? Had he not forgot he was an *Englishman*, could he have wink'd at, perhaps *directed*, the Dishonour, the Hardships, the Injuries inflicted upon a *brave, repining* Army, *m-zzl-d up* from *V-ct-ry, chain'd* down to *Obedience*, and *prey'd upon* by *Famine*? The *H——ns*, in the mean time, in the Land of *Goshen*, enjoying every Distress of the ******* Forces in all the Riot of Security and Plenty.

Ought the Sores proceeding from such Usage as this, and which are now rankling in the Breast of every ******* Soldier abroad, to be skinn'd over by the slubberly Hand of every undertaking Journeyman to a Political Quack? Do they not require the Probe, and all the masterly Skill of the great Physician, which has done such Wonders upon the Constitution of this Nation; I mean a truly *British* Parliament? A Spirit of Enquiry is a Symptom of a Spirit of Liberty; the Dread of enquiring, or even Indifference about it, is a Prognostic of the contrary. Can any Man hold up his Head, and say, that there is not *now* ample Subject for *Enquiry*? Can any Man, who wishes his M—— well as E—— of *H——*, say, that it is not of the utmost Consequence to his M——, as such, that it be enquir'd into, by what Means, and upon what Foundation such Reports were spread? Can any *Englishman* deny, that if these Reports are true, the Honour of *Englishmen* has been trampled upon by their own Mercenaries; and that that National Reputation, which, when in Vigour, flourishes like a green Bay-Tree, is now pining all its Verdure, all its Comliness away?

Have we not heard it asserted, have we not heard it deny'd, that the ———*ns* refused to obey the *British* General? Is not this a Fact of Importance? Does not the Party who opposes an Enquiry into this Fact, tacitly but strongly admit the Charge? But Duty to his M——, Duty to our Country, call aloud for Enquiry.——To his M—— because, as he was upon the Spot in Person, a thorough Enquiry would satisfy every dissatisfy'd *Englishman*, who would then find that this Insolence was so far from being dictated by his M——, that he himself, *both in his Conduct and Behaviour* set an illustrious Example of the Respect and Regard that was due to *British* Troops, and *British* Officers.---Duty to our Country calls aloud for such an Enquiry, were it for no other Reason than to give Ministers this edifying Lesson, that the Presence of their Master cannot be pleaded in Bar to an Enquiry of that Kind. Were this the Case, the *Palladium* of our *Constitution* is stolen away.——The Person of the K—— will, in after Times, like the Head of the *Gorgon*, be opposed before every wicked M——r, to stare away the Sense of any *Englishman* who shall attempt the Redress of his dishonour'd Country.——We have heard *Englishmen* weak and wicked enough to insinuate the Indecency of proceeding upon an Enquiry of that Kind under certain Circumstances:----But this very Insinuation ought to awaken all the Jealousy of Subjects, who were born, and resolve to live free.——If this is now insinuated and encourag'd—— live but a S——n longer, and you may hear the Doctrine maintain'd and rewarded;—— the S----n after that, made part of our Laws———and perhaps the S———n following, Axes and Gibbets enrolling its Opposers in the Martyrology of Liberty.--I say, all this *may* be the Case, if such Insinuations, publicly thrown out, instead of meeting with a public Check meets with Approbation.

The *B——sh* General is blam'd for the March to *Aschaffenburgh*——If justly, why not? if unjustly, why attack a Character, which Sufferings in the Cause of Liberty and for the House of *H——r* have render'd sacred? What Name, what Reputation can be wounded by an Enquiry into this Step? Who but a low Tool of Tools can suffer by enquiring whether, after a Contract was made for four hundred Waggons, and that Contract paid by the Government of *England* to the Contractor, upon the Day of the March, not above thirty Waggons were to be found in all the *B——sh* Army? Whether our Men were not thereby obliged to have their Provisions drawn by Men's Hands up the *Main* in Boats, from *Hanau* to *Aschaffenburgh*, and whether the Army by arriving so long before their Provisions, was not obliged to marode, which disoblig'd the Inhabitants so much, that they could not be brought to furnish Provisions to our Camp afterward, even for Money? Can any *British* Character or Interest suffer, by enquiring into one plain Fact, *viz.* After the *B——sh* Army and their Mercenaries had arriv'd at *Aschaffenburgh*, whether the ——*n* General did not absolutely refuse to join them; with this remarkable Expression, in Return to a Letter sent by the *B——sh* G——l to hasten him up, *viz.* "You "have brought *yourself* into this Scrape, get out of "it as well as you can." Whether this Refusal did not render all the excellent Scheme of the *B——sh* G——l ineffectual; disable him, 1st, from seizing the Ports upon the *Main* about *Aschaffenburgh*, which the *French* seiz'd, and thereby cut off all our Communication for Provisions: 2*dly*, from attacking the *French*, who thereby became the *Aggressors*, and whether this did not bring the Army into that deplorable Condition, in which it is admitted on all Hands, his M——y found it upon his Arrival at *Aschaffenburgh*? *Lastly*, Where can lye the Impropriety of enquiring into this other plain Fact, whether the *H———n* G——l did not refuse to obey *B——sh* Orders; and if they had been obey'd, whether the *French* might not have been every Man cut off?

I am far from saying *these Things are so*; all I say, is, that these Things are *said to be so*; and it would do the most important Service to his M——y and this Kingdom if it were thoroughly enquir'd into, whether they are *so* or *not*: And I repeat it, that whoever refuses to submit to the Enquiry, admits the *Charge*. Tenderness for personal Characters, in this Case, is Cruelty to national Interests. ——We are now at the Threshold——there let us stop;——— We now can feel, we know not how long.———

It was greatly reply'd by an *English* Nobleman, who, when he carry'd the Sword of State before King *James* the Second, as he was going to Mass, stopt just at the Chapel Door, *My Lord*, said the Monarch, *your Father would have gone farther*;---- *Your Majesty's Father*, reply'd the Nobleman, *was the better Man, and he would not have gone so far*. ——There is a *certain Point of Compliance*, beyond which it is Criminal to proceed; and it discovers the greatest Proof both of Judgment and Virtue to stop just at the Threshold.

In this Nation the Measures of Obedience, or if you will, Loyalty to a C——t, are extremely

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* *Acriores sunt morsus Libertatis interruptæ quam amissæ.*

† *See* Cicero *de Oratore.*

indeterminate, and can be fix'd only by the private Lights of the Party who is to *obey*; ſome will go *greater*, ſome *ſmaller* Lengths, and ſome *no Lengths at all*; and yet all may be *good Subjects*: All *love the King*, and all *hate Popery and the Pretender*; but the Character of a Subject of Old *England* is never to tranſgreſs that Line which divides betwixt Loyalty and Slavery; and whatever Lengths he goes, to ſtop at the Threſhold.

*Quod ultra citraque nequit conſiſtere Rectum.*

The *Engliſhman* who now goes one ace farther, in Complaiſance to *any* foreign Intereſt, tranſgreſſes this Line: And be it eternally remember'd, that a *Slave* to the E—— of ——, may be a *Traitor* to the King of *England!*

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## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

### MUSCOVY.

*Peterſburgh, Dec.* 11. The Day before Yeſterday arrived here an Expreſs from our Miniſter at Conſtantinople, with the important News, that the Perſians had block'd up Bagdad, and that the Turks had offer'd to reſtore the Provinces formerly conquer'd from that Empire; upon which a Negotiation was begun. The Buſineſs of her Majeſty's Title, which has hitherto been a Point ſo difficult to ſettle, is at laſt entirely adjuſted; his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty having not only given the Czarina the Title of Empreſs, but having alſo engaged the Emperor to do the ſame Thing; on Condition, however, that theſe Letters ſhall be expedited from the Chancery of Bavaria only, and not from that of the Empire. It is believed, that her Imperial Majeſty will ſhortly extend ſome further Favour to the late Duke of Courland, and his Family.

### GERMANY.

*Francfort, Dec.* 26. Baron Palm is actually arrived here, and the Occaſion of his Journey, is ſaid to be her Hungarian Majeſty's Memorial and Proteſts, which have made ſo much Noiſe in the World. The Elector of Mentz has tranſmitted hither a Memorial from the Circle of Suabia, complaining of the Works raiſed by the French upon the Rhine. It is very apparent by the Preparations that are making, that his Imperial Majeſty intends, ſhortly, to render his Army 24,000 effective Men; and it is generally believed here, that theſe Forces will not continue long in their preſent State of Neutrality.

*Francfort, Dec.* 12. *O. S.* The Emperor has lately receiv'd a Letter from the King of Pruſſia, wherein his Pruſſian Majeſty tells him, 'That he 'heard with a great deal of Concern, by his Impe-'rial Majeſty's Letter of the 14th of November, 'the Manner in which the Elector of Mentz was 'prevail'd on to carry to the Dictatorſhip of the 'Empire, without previouſly adviſing either with 'the Emperor or the Electoral College, ſeveral 'Pieces containing Proteſts againſt the Validity of 'his Imperial Majeſty's Election, tho' the ſaid Pieces 'were preſented under the Title of an Anſwer to 'the Memorial of M. de la Noue, the French Mi-'niſter, and as if there was no other Deſign in 'them but to ſave the Rights of the Electoral Vote 'of Bohemia: That every good and loyal German 'Patriot ought to be concern'd at any Thing that 'may tend to invalidate the Election of ſo worthy 'a Head of the Empire, as his Imperial Majeſty 'is; and, conſequently, that his Pruſſian Majeſty 'cannot diſpenſe with himſelf from oppoſing it 'with all his Forces, and maintaining the Honour 'and Dignity of the Empire in the Perſon of its 'auguſt Head. That the Emperor may be per-'ſuaded that he will concur with Pleaſure in all 'the Meaſures that his Imperial Majeſty ſhall think 'fit to take, in order to ſecure his Honour and 'the Validity of his Election from all Attempts 'that may be made againſt it. That he has charg'd 'his Miniſter at the Dyet to conſult with thoſe of 'his Imperial Majeſty, to the End that at the Moment 'the Affair in Queſtion ſhall be laid before that 'Aſſembly by a Commiſſorial Decree, he may give 'his Vote in the Electoral College, and in that of 'the Princes, in ſuch a Manner as may convince 'not only the Empire, but the whole World, that 'his Pruſſian Majeſty is reſolv'd to maintain, with 'all his Power, the Honour and Dignity of the 'Head of the Empire, as alſo the Validity of his 'Imperial Majeſty's lawful Election, againſt all 'thoſe who may attempt to ſtrike at them in the 'leaſt, &c.

*Berlin, Dec.* 15. *O. S.* The King has declar'd to divers Courts, That having nothing more at Heart than to ſee Tranquility reſtor'd in the Empire, and the Powers at War united by a ſolid and laſting Peace, his Majeſty is wholly employ'd at preſent in ſeeking the propereſt Methods to ſucceed therein, without ſtriking at the Freedom of the Parties concern'd, or curbing them in their reciprocal Pretenſions: That, nevertheleſs, as it is not in his Majeſty's Power alone to reconcile Minds heated by the War, and the Writings publiſh'd on both Sides ſince the Commencement of the Troubles, and as he cannot alſo be the only Mediator in an Affair of this Importance, but, at the moſt, offer alike to the Emperor and the Queen of Hungary, his good Offices for reſtoring a good Harmony between them, he hopes, that the neutral Powers, and in particular the States General of the united Provinces, will condeſcend, for the Sake of the Repoſe of Europe, to lay this Affair to Heart, and engage the King of Great Britain to join with them in inclinining the Queen of Hungary to come into Meaſures for an amicable Accommodation, while his Majeſty, in Conjunction with ſome other States of the Empire, uſes his utmoſt Endeavours with the Emperor and the Circles, in order to remove, with more Eaſe, the Obſtacles that may retard the Accompliſhment of ſo ſalutary a Work.

### HOLLAND.

*Hague, December* 31. The States of the Province of Groningen have lately taken a Reſolution, which plainly enough demonſtrates their Deſign of falling in with the Views of the Courts of London and Vienna; ſo that, for the future, there will be five Provinces againſt two. This Acceſſion, however, gives great Joy to the Queen of Hungary's Party; and is ſaid to be one of the Reaſons which determined the Marquis de Fenelon to quit this Country ſo abruptly. In the mean time we have Advice, that this Miniſter is not gone directly to Court, but to his Government, which cauſes ſome Speculation; as it is very far from proving his Intereſt to be ſo great, as his Favourers here would repreſent it.

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### LONDON.

The Britannia, Moncour, from St. Kitts for London, was taken the 8th Inſtant, S. by E. 20 Leagues from Cape Clear, by the Lazengona, Capt. Joſeph Gorgunas, of Bilboa, of eight Carriage, and eight Swivel Guns, and 103 Men, after an Engagement of two Hours and a Quarter. The ſaid Privateer took, about 24 Hours before, the Cheſterfield, Ebſworthy, from Jamaica for Briſtol. And on the 10th Inſtant took a ſmall Veſſel from Nantz to Cork; and a Veſſel from Cork to Lisbon. Captain Moncour writes, that whilſt he was on board the Privateer they took two other Prizes.

Laſt Saturday a large Body of Recruits were put into a Lighter at the Savoy, in order to be ſent to Gibraltar and Portmahone.

Sunday being Chriſtmas Day, the ſame was obſerved as a high Feſtival at Court; when the Knights Companions of the ſeveral Orders wore their reſpective Collars.

At Noon his Majeſty and the Royal Family went to the Chapel Royal, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Right Rev. Dr. Sherlock, Lord High Almoner. After which they received the Sacrament from the Hands of the Lord Biſhop of London, aſſiſted by the Biſhop of Hereford.

His Majeſty made an Offering at the Altar of a Wedge of Gold, according to Cuſtom.

The Lord De la War carried the Sword of State to and from Chapel.

The Houſe of Peers have appointed the Lord Biſhop of Bangor to preach before them on the 30th of January next.

Laſt Saturday Morning died, at Greenwich, Sir John Jennings, Knt. an Admiral in the Royal Navy.

Letters from the North and Weſtern Parts of England, give an Account, that great Quantities of Snow have fallen there.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. Henry Pelham, Eſq; George Compton, and Philips Gybbon, together with Charles Sackville, Eſq; commonly call'd Earl of Middleſex, and Henry Fox, Eſq; to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

And alſo to appoint the Right Hon. John Lord Monſon, Martin Bladen, Edward Aſhe, the Hon. James Brudenell, Richard Plummer, Robert Herbert, and Benjamin Keene, Eſqs. together with Sir Charles Gilmour, Bart. to be his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

William Corbett, Eſq; is appointed one of the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy.

And Robert Penny, Eſq; is appointed his Majeſty's Attorney-General in the Iſland of Jamaica.

The King has been pleaſed to grant the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the Right Hon. Samuel Sandys, Eſq; by the Name, Stile and Title of Lord Sandys, Baron of Ombersley in the County of Worceſter.

And alſo to grant the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain to Henry Arthur Herbert, Eſq; of Oakley-Park, in the County of Salop, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Herbert of Chirbury in the ſaid County.

Saturday died at Chriſt-College, Cambridge, the Rev. Mr. Mankin, Fellow of that College.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto the Hon. Henry Finch, Eſq; the Office or Place of Surveyor of his Majeſty's Works; and alſo to grant unto Denzil Onſlow, Eſq; the Office or Place of Paymaſter of the Works.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute the Hon. Charles Hamilton, Eſq; Receiver-General and Collector of his Majeſty's Revenues in the Iſland of Minorca.

An Augmentation of ſeveral Men in every Troop of Horſe, and likewiſe in every Company of Foot, is order'd to be made in all the Forces now in Flanders, and are to be draughted out of the Regiments in Great Britain.

The Bey of Tripoli having had Information that a Neapolitan Galley had fir'd upon a Bark belonging to that Republick, whereby eight Men were kill'd, he caus'd immediately three Neapolitan Veſſels to be ſeiz'd in the Port; and declar'd to the Conſul of Naples, that he would condemn and confiſcate them if he had not ſpeedily Satisfaction made him. And its ſaid the Republick of Tunis is likewiſe upon bad Terms with the King of Naples, upon much the ſame Occaſion, ſo that the Trade of that Kingdom is likely to ſuffer very much.

Sunday Morning four young Gentlemen well arm'd, in a Coach, who were going to Murrell-Green, for the Diverſion of Shooting, were robb'd near the Powder-Mills on Hounſlow-Heath by a ſingle Highwayman; he was remarkably little, of a ſwarthy Complexion, had on a grizzle Wig, and ſeem'd by his Accent to be a Foreigner. And two Gentlemen on Horſeback going the ſame Road, were ſoon afterwards robb'd, and ſuppoſed by the ſame Perſon.

Laſt Saturday, being Chriſtmas Eve, Mrs. Thrale, Wife of Ralph Thrale, Eſq; Repreſentative in Parliament for the Borough of Southwark, diſtributed great Quantities of Beef and Bread to poor Houſekeepers; beſides a large Portion to the poor Priſoners in the ſeveral Jails in the Borough: An Example truly laudable, and worthy Imitation.

Saturday a large Quantity of Spaniſh Mountain-Wine, was brought to the Cuſtom houſe, and lodg'd in the King's Warehouſe, it was landed at Rotherith as Cyder, but upon Information given to ſome Officers of the Cuſtoms that it was Spaniſh Wine, which upon Examination it appear'd to be ſo, and was accordingly ſeiz'd in Behalf of the King as Goods prohibited.

Monday came on at Windſor the Election of a Member to ſerve in the preſent Parliament for that Borough, in the room of Henry Fox, Eſq; appointed a Lord of the Treaſury, when the ſaid Gentleman was re-elected.

We hear that his Majeſty has given the Palace wherein the late Sir John Jennings, Governor of the Royal Hoſpital at Greenwich, reſided, together with the Park thereunto belonging, to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland; and that the ſaid Palace is to be fitted up for his Reception for a Country Seat.

Private Letters from Paris ſay, that Orders have been lately ſent to Toulon, for all Perſons concerned in the equipping the Squadron, to work Night and Day, Holidays and Sundays, that it might be ready to ſail by the 4th of Feb. N. S.

The ſame Letters ſay, that an Expreſs had been diſpatched to Madrid, with Advice, that the Troops ſhould certainly embark before the Middle of February; and that they ſhould be augmented, as his Catholick Majeſty had deſired.

We learn from Franckfort, that the Pruſſian Officers employed in Recruiting in that City, and in its Neighbourhood, have received Orders to join their reſpective Regiments in ten Days; upon which they immediately prepared for their Departure.

The Anna Galley, Muhl, from Stockholm for Oporto, having met with contrary Winds, is put into Vigo.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint —— Calhoquin, Eſq; to be an Enſign in the Third Regiment of Foot Guards.

Tueſday died, at his Houſe in Pall-mall, Mr. Dawſon, Barber to his Majeſty's Houſhold.

## To the AUTHOR, &c.

SIR,

READING a Letter in your Paper of the 24th Inſtant, ſigned George Cadogan, in which he would willingly caſt ſome injurious Reflections on my Conduct during the Attempt made againſt St. Auguſtine: I flatter myſelf, that a Vindication of my Character will be thought as juſtifiable an Apology for an Intruſion on the Publick, as Mr. Cadogan has made for his intended Defamation. Yet, conſidering that the Diſputes of private Perſons can intereſt or entertain but few, I had almoſt reſolved not to anſwer him; but apprehending that my Silence might, by Gentlemen who are Strangers to the Tranſactions, be conſtrued as a Conceſſion, I ſhall only beg Leave to take Notice, that my whole Conduct, during the Time of my Command on that Expedition, has ſtood the Enquiry of a Britiſh Government, and found worthy of the Thanks of both Houſes of Aſſembly; for which Reaſon, I think it beneath me to reply to his low Aſperſions. The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Cauſes of the Diſappointment of Succeſs in the Expedition againſt St. Auguſtine, was publiſhed in South Carolina, by Order of both Houſes of Aſſembly, and is now republiſhed here in London; which Reports contains the Matters of Facts themſelves, which cannot prevaricate. There are the General's own Letters, which are the ſureſt Teſtimonies of his Opinion; and to which I appeal for the Juſtification of my Conduct during that Expedition.

With Regard to the laſt Paragraph of Mr. Cadogan's Letter, wherein I am called upon to ſwear in England what he ſuppoſes me to have done in Carolina; I anſwer, That whenever our Superiors ſhall think proper to make Enquiry into thoſe Affairs, I ſhall always be ready to prove the Truth of every Thing that has been affirmed or atteſted by me. But I can aſſure Mr. Cadogan, that ſuch a Scrutiny will not at all tend to embelliſh his Cauſe, or afford any Reputation to his pretended Zeal therein.

ALEXANDER VANDER-DUSSEN.

Tueſday Morning about Seven o'Clock, a Fire broke out at Hammerſmith, over-againſt the Pound, in an empty Houſe, next Door to Mr. Blye, a Grocer and Chandler; which burnt down the Houſe where it begun, and likewiſe Mr. Blye's, an honeſt, induſtrious Man, who had a large Stock of Goods, and ſaved little or nothing. A ſtrange Man and Woman were ſeen to go out of it, a little before the Fire broke out: And, it is ſuppoſed, the Houſe being empty, they ſtaid there all Night, and either did it maliciouſly or careleſly. There is no Engine belonging to the Church; and had it not been for thoſe of Mr. Jervis and Mr. Slaughter, two Gentlemen of the Town, who have the Benevolence to keep each of them one, in all Probability, the whole Row of Houſes adjoining, would have been conſumed.

The Endeavour, Newſon, from Barbados for London, was taken the 2d Inſtant, by the St. Peter, a Spaniſh Privateer, and carried into St. Sebaſtians the 14th ditto.

The William and Mary, Lamport, bound from Youghall, with Barley to Liſbon, has been taken by a Spaniſh Privateer, and carried into St. Sebaſtian's.

On Tueſday came on the Election for a Repreſentative in Parliament for Guilford, in the room of Denzil Onſlow, Eſq; whoſe Election was vacated by his being made Paymaſter of the Board of Works, and he was unanimouſly rechoſen.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Middleſex, lately appointed one of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, is rechoſen Knight of the Shire for the County of Suſſex.

As is Sir John Ruſhout, Bart. lately made Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Navy, for the Borough of Eveſham, in Worceſterſhire, without Oppoſition.

Seals, Exceptions, Pleas and Demurrers, and Petitions, are appointed to be heard before the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, at Lincoln's-Inn Hall, on the following Days, viz.

Thurſday, January 12, Firſt General Seal.

Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tueſday, Exception.

Wedneſday the 18th, Pleas and Demurrers.

Thurſday the 19th, Second General Seal.

Friday the 20th, Petitions.

Yeſterday Morning, about One o'Clock the Corpſe of Sir John Jennings, Knt. who dy'd laſt Saturday at Greenwich-Hoſpital, was brought from thence in a Hearſe, and carried to the Jeruſalem-Chamber, in order to be interr'd this Night in Weſtminſter-Abbey.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has appointed Mr. Alſop to be Deputy of Queenhithe Ward, in the room of Mr. Ayliffe, who has reſign'd.

Thurſday the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe appointed Mr. Powel, a Surveyor in the London Diſtillery, to be General Surveyor in that Branch of the Revenue, in the room of Mr. Nurſe, who has accepted the Place of a Permit Writer; and Mr. Stephens, a Surveyor of Tea and Brandy, ſucceeds Mr. Powell.

*Extract of a Letter from Sittingbourn in Kent, dated Dec. 20.*

Laſt Week a Gang of 30 Smugglers broke open ſeveral Wooll-houſes belonging to Sir John Hale, Bart. and took from thence ſeven Packs of Wooll, they threaten'd to ſtrip him of all he had, which is computed to be worth 5000 l. They ride about arm'd at Noon Day, and vow Deſtruction to all who ſhall attempt to obſtruct them; and the numerous Robberies, Rapes, and Inſults that are committed, make the People afraid to go about their Buſineſs. It is computed that upwards of 30,000 Weight of Tea, beſides Brandy, &c. is run upon the Iſles of Shippey and Emly every Year.

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*Inventas aut qui vitam ex coluere per artes,*
*Quique sui memores alios fecere merendo;*
*Omnibus his nivea cinguntur tempora vitta.*
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